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For:	Emergency Relief System)		

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Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated March 29, 2002. The Notice stated that the application filed on September 26, 2001 was informal because the claims must commence on a separate sheet according to 37 CFR 1.75(h). Applicant has submitted herewith a copy of the claims beginning on a separate sheet. Applicant is filing this correction within the two-month timeframe given by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Notice. Applicant respectfully requests entry and examination of the application on the merits.

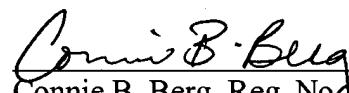
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The undersigned invites the Examiner to call in the event any additional matters or issues need to be addressed during the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).

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